

Remarks

The numbered paragraphs of the office action are responded to through the corresponding numbered paragraphs below. The applicant has addressed each issue in turn and, for clarity, has provided a heading for each issue.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. The Examiner indicated that the request for continued examination including the fee was filed in this application and that the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn. The applicant appreciates the Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous action and believes that no specific response to this paragraph is required.
2. The Examiner indicated that an amendment was received from the applicant on May 27, 2003. The applicant believes that no specific response to this paragraph is required.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

3. The Examiner provided the quotation of "35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action." The applicant believes that no response is required for this paragraph.
4. The Examiner rejected claims 1–10 under "35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlisle (US 5,664,975) in view of Beck (US 5,222,802)." The applicant has requested that claims 1 and 7, on which claims 2–6 and 8–10 depend respectively, be amended to more clearly point out that applicant's invention includes a

hard circularly shaped insert panel inserted adjacent to the first side of the cover so that the insert panel forces the first side of the cover to be flat and to define a circularly shaped first side. The applicant believes that these claims as currently pending are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references, either alone or in combination. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Response to Arguments

5. The Examiner indicated that the "applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection." The applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration and respectfully requests further consideration and allowance of this application.

Conclusion

6. The Examiner indicated that certain "prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure." The applicant appreciates the Examiner's search and requests that this art be listed among the cited references in this application.

7. The Examiner provided information concerning communication on this case. The applicant appreciates the Examiner's willingness to communicate and assist in this case.

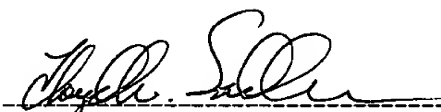
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE
and AMENDMENT

Examiner Lars A. Olsen
Group Art Unit: 3617
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The applicant has requested that claim 1 (on which claims 2-6 depends) and claim 7 (on which claims 8-10 depends) be amended as previously described. In view of the foregoing, and in summary, the applicant believes that all issues and points of the Examiner's Office Action have been addressed and that the newly amended claims and all claims dependent on these claims are patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of December, 2003.



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